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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION OF: CHARLES STONE and Group Art Unit 1713 ALFRED E. STECK Examiner F. Zitomer SERIAL NO. 09/503,760 FILED: February 14, 2000 FOR: GRAFT POLYMERIC MEMBRANES AND ION-EXCHANNGE MEMBRANES) TECHNOLOGY CELITER 1700 FORMED THEREFROM

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this Response and Request for Reconsideration in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2000 (Paper No. 9). A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with this response.

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 6, 18, 20, 22, 24, 29, and 30 were examined in the first Office Action dated September 25, 2000. Claims 3-5, 7-17, 19, 21, 23, 25-28 and 31-63 were withdrawn from consideration in the